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## Resolution 1946-18-18 Quetico-Superior Wilderness Area

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**Mr. Wilson (Minnesota):** I have a resolution I would like to move — and I apologize to my colleagues on the Resolutions Committee for not bringing this question up, but I was busy with other matters and did not get around to it. I will read the resolution, and I think its purpose will be immediately apparent to many who are here, because it is a matter of international interest as between ourselves and our good neighbors in Canada. The resolution reads:

**Quetico-Superior Wilderness Area**

Whereas protection of wilderness areas of suitable size and location is important to perpetuate the natural attractions of such areas for wildlife habitat and for public use and enjoyment;

And whereas the U. S. Forest Service has now set up a proposed program for consolidation and protection of the wilderness areas embraced in the roadless areas of the Superior National Forest by acquisition of the remaining private land needed for adequate control of such areas;

And whereas it has been proposed that corresponding adjacent wilderness areas be established on the Canadian side of the boundary, to constitute, together with the areas on the American side, an international peace memorial in the Quetico-Superior region;

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 10th day of September, 1946, endorses said program and urges Congress to pass the necessary measures and appropriate the necessary funds to carry out the same; and

Be it further resolved that we urge the public agencies concerned in Canada to take such steps as may be appropriate for the establishment and protection of corresponding wilderness areas in the adjacent region on the Canadian side of the boundary.

I move the adoption of this resolution. I shall be glad to answer any questions or give any further explanation that may be in order.

(The resolution was seconded by Mr. Gordon and several others.)

**The President:** I presume you have squared this with the constitution to see whether it falls within the scope of the authority of this organization.

**Mr. Wilson:** I asked no less an authority than our General Counsel, Mr. Denmead, and he said the resolution was in order.

**The President:** It has to do with the creation of areas which will constitute a peace memorial?

**Mr. Wilson:** A wilderness area — that is right.

**The President:** Which I presume will contribute towards the furtherance of wildlife?

**Mr. Wilson:** Unquestionably.

**The President:** You have heard Mr. Wilson's resolution, which has been seconded by Mr. Gordon, Mr. Gutermuth, Burnie Maurek, Jack Shipman, Lee LeCompte — if you wait a minute maybe we won't have to put it to a vote. Are you ready for the question?

(The question having been put, the resolution was agreed to.)

**Mr. Wilson:** Dr. Lewis asked me to say by way of explanation that the areas on the Canadian side are under the control of the authorities of the province of Ontario. I have been in close touch with them and the indications

are that favorable consideration will be given to the matter, although they have not made any commitments.

**The President:** If there are no further resolutions to come before the meeting, we will now have the report of the committee on Time and Place.

#### REPORT OF TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE

**Mr. Seth Gordon** (Pennsylvania): I am reporting for the joint Time and Place Committee of the two organizations, consisting of Messrs. Bode, Mackay, Gownloch, Meehean and myself for the American Fisheries Society, and Messrs. Osborne, Butler, Kendall, Findlay and Hunter for the International.

After discussing the hotel facilities available in various parts of the country, and considering invitations from the states of Oklahoma and Colorado, the committee unanimously decided to accept the invitation from the state of Colorado, the meeting to be held at Denver, September 8th to 12th inclusive. In accordance with an agreement reached at the 1941 joint convention of the International Association and the American Fisheries Society at St. Louis, the first two days of the meeting will be devoted to the proceedings of the International Association, the third day to the conference with Federal officials, and the remaining two days to the proceedings of the American Fisheries Society, unless the officers and executive committees of the two organizations shall in the meantime find it necessary to reverse the order of the meetings.

It was felt that in 1948 the meeting should definitely go to the eastern part of the country, and that in 1949 we should again return to Canada, probably the prairie provinces, as those folks have been asking for a number of years for these International and Fisheries Society meetings.

I move the adoption of the report.

(The motion was seconded by Mr. Bode and agreed to.)

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

**Mr. Elliott Barker** (New Mexico) presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:

Your committee on Nominations has met, and after due deliberation submits the following nominations for the officers and members of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners for the ensuing year:

For President — I. T. Bode, Missouri.

For First Vice-President — Lester Bagley, Wyoming.

For Second Vice-President — R. P. Hunter, Connecticut.

For Secretary-Treasurer — Verne E. Joslin, Minnesota.

For General Counsel — Livingstone E. Osborne, Illinois.

Executive Committee:

Emil J. N. Ott, Jr., California, Chairman.